

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

- 1           1.       (Currently amended) An apparatus for determining taxes that is  
2       configurable for local jurisdictions, comprising:  
3           a tax knowledge base, embodied in a computer system, wherein the tax  
4       knowledge base includes tax rate data pertaining to taxes in local jurisdictions;  
5           a tax rule base, embodied in a computer system, wherein the tax rule base  
6       includes one or more rules for applying taxes in local jurisdictions; and  
7           a tax determination manager, embodied in a computer system, that is  
8       configured to determine a tax for a transaction using the tax knowledge base and  
9       the tax rule base.  
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1           2.       (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax rules  
2       navigator that is used by the tax determination manager to navigate through rules  
3       to return the result or reference to a result for a tax determination process.  
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1           3.       (Currently amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, further  
2       comprising a tax rules navigator that can be used by processes of any a given tax  
3       services-service component, including the tax determination manager ~~and tax and a~~  
4       tax administration manager.  
  
1           4.       (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax  
2       services request manager that is configured to access the tax determination  
3       manager upon receiving a tax request from a registered subscriber.

1           5.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising an open  
2     subscription mechanism, wherein the open subscription mechanism includes  
3     security and access protocols used by the tax services request manager to control  
4     access to the tax determination manager.

1           6.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a record  
2     repository, wherein the record repository stores information relating to tax events  
3     and tax status.

1           7.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a tax  
2     repository manager, wherein the tax repository manager is configured to store and  
3     retrieve tax events and tax status to and from the record repository.

1           8.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax  
2     configuration manager, wherein the tax configuration manager is configured to  
3     update the tax knowledge base and the tax rule base.

1           9.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a  
2     geographical model, wherein the geographical model is used to configure the  
3     geographical boundaries of various jurisdictions associated with different tax  
4     regimes.

1           10.    (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a trading  
2     community model, wherein the trading community model represents  
3     various parties, sites and locations involved in tax operations in a  
4     standardized format.

1           11.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax  
2 administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager determines the  
3 recoverability and the extent of recovery of a tax.

1           12.     (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising  
2 a tax administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager determines  
3 ~~the amount~~ an amount to be settled with a tax authority for a given tax and a  
4 calendar period specified by the tax authority.

1           13.     (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising  
2 a tax administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager interfaces  
3 with a payables system to enable the payment of ~~the a~~ settlement amount  
4 determined by another process of the tax administration manager.

1           14.     (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising  
2 a tax administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager provides  
3 ~~the facility~~ a facility for reconciling the amounts in ~~the record~~ a record repository  
4 with that existing in an accounting system.

1           15.     (Currently amended) A method for determining taxes for local  
2 jurisdictions, comprising  
3 receiving a request to provide a tax for a transaction from a subscriber;  
4 determining a set of local jurisdictions for the transaction;  
5 accessing a tax rule base and a tax knowledge base;  
6 calculating the tax for each jurisdiction in the set of local jurisdictions  
7 using one or more rules from the tax rule base and tax rate data from the tax  
8 knowledge base; and  
9 returning the tax for each jurisdiction to the subscriber.

1           16.     (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
2           determining a taxable basis from the transaction;  
3           determining a tax status basis from the tax rule base;  
4           determining a tax rate from the tax knowledge base; and  
5           calculating the tax based on the taxable basis, the tax status basis, and the  
6     tax rate.

1           17.     (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein receiving the request  
2     from the subscriber includes verifying that the subscriber is authorized to make  
3     the request.

1           18.     (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising allowing a  
2     user to update the tax rule base and the tax knowledge base, wherein updating the  
3     tax rule base and the tax knowledge base provides current data for the method.

1           19.     (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing  
2     instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a  
3     method for determining taxes for local jurisdictions, comprising  
4           receiving a request to provide a tax for a transaction from a subscriber;  
5           determining a set of local jurisdictions for the transaction;  
6           accessing a tax rule base and a tax knowledge base;  
7           calculating the tax for each jurisdiction in the set of local jurisdictions  
8     using one or more rules from the tax rule base and tax rate data from the tax  
9     knowledge base; and  
10    returning the tax for each jurisdiction to the subscriber.

1           20.     (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 19, the  
2 method further comprising:  
3           determining a taxable basis from the transaction;  
4           determining a tax status basis from the tax rule base;  
5           determining a tax rate from the tax knowledge base; and  
6           calculating the tax based on the taxable basis, the tax status basis, and the  
7 tax rate.

1           21.     (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 19,  
2 wherein receiving the request from the subscriber includes verifying that the  
3 subscriber is authorized to make the request.

1           22.     (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 19, the  
2 method further comprising allowing a user to update the tax rule base and the tax  
3 knowledge base, wherein updating the tax rule base and the tax knowledge base  
4 provides current data for the method.

1           23.     (Currently amended) A means for determining taxes that is  
2 configurable for local jurisdictions, comprising:  
3           a tax knowledge base means for providing tax rate data pertaining to taxes  
4 in local jurisdictions;  
5           a tax rule base means for providing one or more rules for applying taxes in  
6 local jurisdictions; and  
7           a tax determination manager means for determining a tax for a transaction  
8 using the tax knowledge base means and the tax rule base means.

1           24.     (Original) The means of claim 23, further comprising a tax services  
2 request manager means for accessing the tax determination manager means upon  
3 receiving a tax request from a registered subscriber.

1           25.     (Original) The means of claim 23, further comprising an open  
2 subscription means that includes security and access protocols used by the tax  
3 services request manager means to control access to the tax determination  
4 manager means.

1           26.     (Original) The means of claim 23, further comprising a record  
2 repository means for storing information relating to tax events and tax status.

1           27.     (Currently amended) An apparatus that performs operations that  
2 need to be performed to meet the requirements of a local jurisdiction, comprising:  
3           a tax service comprising:  
4           a number of service components within the tax service, including a tax  
5 determination manager and a tax administration manager; and  
6           a number of utility components within the tax service, including,  
7                   a geography model,  
8                   a knowledge base, and  
9           ~~and a tax rule base~~ which includes one or more rules for applying taxes in  
10 local jurisdictions.

1           28.     (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein service  
2 components can be broken down into a small number of well-defined processes to  
3 be executed by a tax service in a specific, pre-determined order to fulfill the  
4 requirements imposed by a tax authority of ~~any a given~~ a given local jurisdiction.

1           29.     (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the tax  
2 rule base can accept rules for ~~any a given~~ process of a service component to  
3 achieve a requisite result specified by a tax authority of a local jurisdiction.

1           30.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising a tax rules  
2 navigator that operates on the tax rule base and returns a result, or a reference to a  
3 result, for a process of a service component for a given local jurisdiction.